

Southern Grampians *Promenade of Sacred Music*



CELEBRATING 10 YEARS

15 TO 18 APRIL 2010 HAMILTON, VICTORIA



From The Chair

How exciting to think that our next Promenade will be our 10th! It is wonderful the way the event has grown from that very humble beginning in 2001 to a fully fledged and very popular Promenade of Sacred Music.

I have been reflecting on the nine year's performances, and the outstanding feature that comes to my mind is our good fortune in having such diverse, beautiful, and suitable venues in which to hold our performances. I would venture to say that the concept of the Promenade would not have happened without these venues. Who could forget Merlot and Andy Rigby in the Art Gallery, Quattro and Jennifer Chou playing Handel in the beauty and intimacy of Warrayure, the grandeur of Bach in the Cathedral atmosphere of Christ Church, Church Hill singers and the organists in the sheer beauty of Tabor, the Australian Chamber Choir's stirring and grand Coronation Anthems and Magnificat in the contemporary St. Mary's Church, and the delightful combination of the young Mayfair Singers and the Casterton Brass band in the outdoor amphitheatre setting of Coleraine's Points Reserve. We have a staggering and beautiful range of venues which really compliment and add to the variety of artists that we can include in our programmes. We owe a lot to our generous and forward thinking pioneers who commissioned such magnificent architecture.

The stained glass and architecture tour last year was so popular that we have decided to show off two of the church gems at Cavendish and Coleraine next year. This couldn't happen without the extraordinary knowledge and expertise of John Maidment. I'm sure this will be a popular part of another very interesting and varied Promenade of 2010. I hope to see all the venues full!

Roger Thompson
Chairperson, Promenade of Sacred Music Committee

From The Artistic Director



Well, here we are at the 10th POSM. It is marvelous that this venture which was started by a handful of enthusiasts has not just survived but prospered to a point where it is an important part of Australia's music calendar.

The 10th Promenade brings you an impressive lineup of first class musicians; leaders in their respective fields. Performers come from far and near. New

to the Promenade is the Adelaide Singers and Dominic Perissinotto who is Director of Music and Organist at St Patrick's Basilica, Fremantle. These artists join with the many other performers whom you will find listed in this brochure.

At the Promenade Prom you will all have a chance to participate in a wonderfully riotous piece by the English composer, John McCabe - Mini Concerto for Organ, Percussion and 485 tin whistles and we'll all sing the Parry Jerusalem. Be there or be square!

Let your hair down and join in the explosion of music with which we will blanket Hamilton and its neighbors in April 2010.

Douglas Lawrence OAM
Artistic Director

2010 Programme

10th Anniversary Gala Dinner



THURSDAY 15 APRIL

- > **Sonny Chua, Andrea Keeble and organist Dominic Perissinotto** followed by pasta supper.
Tabor Lutheran Church, Tabor - 8:00pm.

FRIDAY 16 APRIL

- > **Cavendish Primary School Marimba Band.**
The Hub, Hamilton - 12:00 noon.
- > **Andy Rigby Kids Concert.**
Uniting Church Hamilton - 4:30pm
- > **Adelaide Chamber Singers.**
St Mary's Catholic Church, Hamilton - 8:00pm.

SATURDAY 17 APRIL

- > **"Tour of Beauty"**
Stained Glass Window and History Tour by John Maidment.
Holy Trinity Anglican Church, Coleraine & St Lukes Lutheran Church, Cavendish - 9:30am to 11:30am.
- > **Church Hill Singers & Quintessential Winds.**
Anglican Christ Church, Hamilton - 11:00am.
- > **Shoppers Concert - Baimbridge Ensembles.**
Outside Performing Arts Centre - 12:15pm.
- > **Handel and Schubert at Warrayure:** Quattro String Quartet, Deborah Kayser (Soprano), Elizabeth Anderson (Harpsichord) & Dominic Perissinotto (Organ).
Warrayure Lutheran Church - 2:30pm.
- > **Invention in Time** (Vibes and Marimba).
The Royal Mail Hotel, Events Centre, Dunkeld - 2:30pm.
- > **Promenade Proms - Spirits in Stone**
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton - 8:00pm.
- > **Morning Church Services** - includes a 'Hymn Fest'.
St Andrew's Presbyterian Church, Hamilton.

SUNDAY 18 APRIL

- > **Deborah Kayser (soprano) & Vaughan McAlley (tenor) David Farrands (trumpet), Hamilton Singers & Tabor Male Choir.**
Tarrington Lutheran Church - 2:30pm.

Committee Members

Douglas Lawrence OAM
Roger Thompson
Sardie Edgar
Coralie Coulson
Heather MacGugan
Frank Marcollo

Lisa McDonald
Beth Tonissen
Lis Uebergang
Robyn Wilken
David Schulz

WEDNESDAY 14 APRIL

- > 3 course dinner featuring regional produce and entertainment
- > Guest speaker Barry Jones
Performing Arts Centre, Hamilton - 6:30pm.

Barry Jones, AO, is one of Australia's living treasures as well as a writer, broadcaster and former Labor politician. His career has spanned education, film, politics, civil liberties, constitutional change and 'the knowledge society'.

His books include Macmillan Dictionary of Biography 1981, Sleepers Wake! Technology and the Future of Work 1982, Living by our Wits 1986, Barry Jones' Dictionary of World Biography 1994, 1996, 1998. His autobiography, A Thinking Reed, was published in October 2006.

Barry currently serves on the boards of CARE Australia, the Macfarlane Burnet Institute, The Centre for Eye Research, Australia, Victorian Opera and chairs Vision 2020 Australia and the Port Arthur Historic Site Management Authority. He is currently a Professorial Fellow at the University of Melbourne.

Adelaide Chamber Singers



Adelaide Chamber Singers has been an energetic and innovative contributor to music making in Adelaide for over twenty years. Formed in 1985 by its Artistic Director and Conductor Carl Crossin, the ensemble comprises some of Adelaide's best and most

experienced ensemble singers, some of whom are also soloists, emerging artists and/or conductors in their own right. Adelaide Chamber Singers has built a substantial reputation wherever it has performed and is widely regarded as one of Australia's leading chamber choirs.

"Promenade Proms - Spirit in Stone"

Featuring a musical performance in the majestic gothic-style bluestone Presbyterian Church in Hamilton. The Festival has commissioned renowned composer Vaughan McAlley to write the music for this new work using the words from a local poet Dr Rod Bird OAM titled "Spirits in Stone". The work will be performed by professional artists who will travel to Hamilton for the event featuring Organ, String Quartet, Soprano, Harpsichord & Percussion.

To celebrate the 10 years, there will be another component to the performance that will involve looking back on what has been achieved. This will include performing two of the works formerly commissioned for the Festival, Morning Light, composed by Steven Hodgson & the Song for Gariwerd composer Andrew Batterham. The commissioned pieces have been written by local writers inspired by Southern Grampians landscape & heritage.

Andy Rigby

Popular Artist Andy Rigby will be returning to Hamilton and will be performing the fabulous kids concert. Andy Rigby is one of Australia's leading makers, players and teachers of the folk harp. Based in Central Victoria, Andy has pioneered the "Paraceltic" style of harp on which he plays Celtic, Latin American and a variety of other styles of music.



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